

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Didier Beudon et al.

Entitled: DEVICE FOR DIFFUSING STERILE AIR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant's respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) (3), please substitute for pending claims 3, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 15 and 18 with the following clean version of the claims. The changes to these claims are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version of Claims."

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3. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said wall is an end wall of another similar device with which it forms a set of devices for the close protection of products arranged on a worktop of large length, which are sensitive to the contamination conveyed by the ambient environment, said devices being abutted without mechanical fixing therebetween.

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 5. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises at least one sheath (101, 102, 103) made of a flexible material diffusing a sterile air stream in a vertical direction substantially perpendicular to said worktop (12), said sheath being formed of a quasi-leaktight upper wall and of a porous lower wall